



**Representative
Charlie Brown**

DO YOU THINK we still need the Vehicle Emissions Testing program in Indiana?

Currently residents of four Indiana counties must have their vehicle checked for excessive pollutants every other year in order to renew their vehicle registration. Lake and Porter Counties, and Clark and Floyd Counties (in Southeast Indiana) are considered part of other states' major metropolitan areas. Those areas conduct emissions tests to meet federal regulations for clean air standards.

The Kentucky Legislature recently acted to abolish the emissions testing program in Louisville and Jefferson County, Kentucky. The new Kentucky law will eliminate testing in Jefferson County in November, 2003 if the county is meeting federal clean air standards, as it does now. The Louisville area's plan to halt its testing raises the possibility of vehicle owners in the four affected Indiana counties also foregoing the test.

The Indiana Legislative Council has established a summer study committee to examine the potential impact of getting rid of the program. The council, made up of House and Senate leadership, oversees legislative activities when the Indiana General Assembly is not in session.

By studying the issue this summer, lawmakers will be able to consider all the ramifications of eliminating the program.

The study committee would evaluate the possibility of losing federal funding if Indiana discontinues the emissions testing program. The federal government has indicated that any state that fails to conduct vehicle emissions tests as part of meeting the Environmental Protection Agency's clean air standards could lose federal highway dollars. That would certainly be taken into consideration when studying the future of any testing program.

The Vehicle Emissions Test:

Do we still need it?

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Yes, keep the test.

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No, end the test.

Mark one and mail it in!

**Representative
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wants to hear from you.**

*Should we abolish the
Vehicle Emissions
Testing program?*

*Contact
Representative Brown
with your view!*

**Please mark your opinion on
this card, tear it off
and send it to
Representative Brown with
your stance on maintaining
or ending the
Vehicle Emissions Testing
program.**

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your stamp
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